

Response under 37 CFR 1.116
Serial No. 10/685,790
Attorney Docket No. 032015

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 17 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 and 16-17 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 28, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 4 of the Action that claims 11-15 are allowable. As stated above, claims 1-10 and 16-17 have been cancelled. Therefore, Applicant submits that that all of the remaining pending claims 11-15 are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

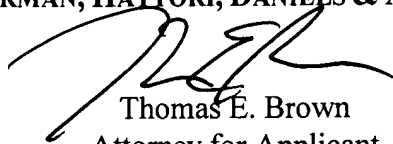
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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